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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We do not desire any contributions whatever of a literary or poetical character, and we will not undertake to review, or to return the same, in any manner whatever. Our staff is sufficiently large to more than supply our limited space in this direction.

Thanksgiving Proclamation.

From year to year we have been accustomed to pause in our daily pursuits and set apart a time to offer our thanks to Almighty God for the special blessings He has vouchsafed to us, with our prayers for a continuance thereof. We have at this time equal reason to be thankful for His continued protection and aid for the many material blessings which His bounty has bestowed. In addition to these favors accorded to us as individuals, we have especially occasion to express our hearty thanks to Almighty God that by His providence and guidance our government, established a century ago, has been enabled to fill the wishes of the founders, in offering an asylum to people of every race, securing civil and religious liberty to all within its borders, and reaching out to every individual alike justice and equality before the law. It is, moreover, especially our duty to offer thanks to our humble Father of all mercies for a continuance of His divine favor to us as a nation and as individuals. By reasons of all these considerations I, Ulysses S. Grant, President of the United States, do hereby recommend to the people of the United States to devote the 30th day of November next to expression of their thanks and prayers to Almighty God, and laying aside their daily avocations and all secular occupations, to assemble in their respective places of worship and observe such day as a day of thanksgiving and rest.

U. S. GRANT, WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.

Thanksgiving Proclamation.

By the Governor of the State of Nebraska.

The President of the United States having designated Thursday, the 30th day of November, 1876, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer to Almighty God, and believing we have abundant cause for thankfulness for the manifold mercies and blessings bestowed upon us as a State, and as individuals, during the past year, therefore, I, Simeon Carter, Governor of the State of Nebraska, do cordially commend to the people of this State the observance of the day so appointed in such manner as will manifest their gratitude to the giver of all good.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed, at Lincoln, this sixth day of November, A. D. 1876.

S. S. GARBER, Secretary of State.

AND still the country is waiting for the verdict.

LEAVENWORTH polled 2,757 votes last Tuesday, or 1,000 less than were polled in Omaha.

LIMBER JIM is doomed to disappointment. The people of Gage county refused to put their trust in him.

The Centennial Exposition is now among the things of the past, and Philadelphia hotel-keepers are sadly distressed.

If Tilden becomes the next President of America he owes his election to Republican corruptionists and hard times.

CHURCH HOWE is elected to the State Senate, and he owes his election chiefly to the desperate assaults made on him by Hitchcock's henchmen.

The Democratic state is nearly made out. John Morrissy is to be Secretary of War, and Dr. Miller Secretary of Interior and chief dispenser of Indian trade-papers and surveying contracts.

EX-BOSS CUNNINGHAM, the Nebraska Tweed, is becoming very desperate since the election. He has been living on the proceeds of public plunder and fraud so long that he dreads the prospect of being compelled to earn an honest livelihood.

BOSS SHEPARD, who contributed as much as any other public man toward the demoralization of the Republican party by wholesale corruption, has gone into bankruptcy. Like other men of this stamp, he overreached himself by reckless speculation and extravagance.

As far as can be ascertained, the Nebraska Legislature will be composed as follows: Regular Republicans, 77; Independent Republicans, 4; Independent Greenback, 10; Democrats, 23. On the Senatorial issue the 81 Republicans are divided as follows: Anti-Hitchcock, 51; Hitchcock, 24; Non-committal, 6.

The Republicans of Kansas have carried their State ticket by nearly 30,000 majority, but their Governor elect runs behind over 10,000 votes, owing to the fact that grave charges of corruption had been preferred against the leading Republican papers. And this goes to show the determination of honest Republicans to vote their party.

TOM HENRICKS made a characteristic speech at Indianapolis Thursday evening. He expressed the hope that the colored men of the South would henceforth stand by the Democracy, inasmuch as that party did not propose to deprive them of their constitutional rights as citizens. He also declared that the negro did not owe his freedom and his enfranchisement to a party, but to the country. Mr. Hendricks did not, however, see fit to refer to the fact that he personally was one of the most outspoken and bitter opponents of the constitutional amendments that conferred equal rights upon colored men.

but lottery tickets, too. But here it is not the mere fact that the man has got a put upon some favorite stock seems to entitle him in his own mind to a positive respite from any active occupation until the time is decided for or against him. The sentiment of all lawyers of eminence has been steadily against the legalizing of lotteries, and in most countries they have ceased to exist from a conviction of their demoralizing tendencies. Here, however, in California is something worse than lotteries, and in stead of being frowned upon it seems to have the cordial sympathy of all classes in the community. No matter how important are other interests—and upon them, in the opinions of the public, and the future prosperity of the Pacific slope really depends—there is not one of them that can command the attention of the public, or the purse of the capitalists to the same extent. For a new mine, for a new departure in mining machinery, or for anything that is connected with mining, any amount of capital can readily be obtained. But for the most important enterprises, for even the water works upon which the future of the city must hang, it is so hard to obtain any investments that the promoters are beginning to look to New York and to London. And yet in spite of this prevailing sentiment in favor of mining affairs the majority of well-informed men do not hesitate to tell the stranger that the whole business is a rascally one, and that the only way to get any real vestments in a bona fide way, are skinned in the most deliberate fashion.

Without naming any mines, or any individuals, let me record what I have learned on this subject with regard to mines that are actually producing silver, for out of the entire stock of silver actually being mined in this category, I am told that these valuable mines are invariably controlled by two or three individuals who operate them in this way. They purchase the reduction mills in which the ore is converted into bullion, and as the transaction is made by themselves with the mill, they deliberately charge for reduction just double the legitimate price. Silver ore can be reduced for \$50 per ton, and they charge \$100. The unfortunate California miner will surely say, "Ah, of course you don't understand this, nor do we expect you to appreciate the value of silver." But we do sympathize for the country, no matter how foolish or vicious they may have become.

The mining element controlled affairs in those early days, and appears to control them now. Everything seems to be subordinated to the mining stock, and to the speculators in mining. Here they are not satisfied with one board, but must have three, although the population of San Francisco is only 27,000. There is the Pacific Board, the California Board, and the San Francisco Board, each of which has its stock exchange and is independent of the others. This is pretty much as if there should be in New York City an Atlantic Stock Exchange, a New York State Stock Exchange, and a New York City Stock Exchange. But, though the business transacted in Gotham represents a population of over two millions, one Stock Exchange has hitherto been found amply sufficient to take care of the business of the city.

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but lottery tickets, too. But here it is not the mere fact that the man has got a put upon some favorite stock seems to entitle him in his own mind to a positive respite from any active occupation until the time is decided for or against him. The sentiment of all lawyers of eminence has been steadily against the legalizing of lotteries, and in most countries they have ceased to exist from a conviction of their demoralizing tendencies. Here, however, in California is something worse than lotteries, and in stead of being frowned upon it seems to have the cordial sympathy of all classes in the community. No matter how important are other interests—and upon them, in the opinions of the public, and the future prosperity of the Pacific slope really depends—there is not one of them that can command the attention of the public, or the purse of the capitalists to the same extent. For a new mine, for a new departure in mining machinery, or for anything that is connected with mining, any amount of capital can readily be obtained. But for the most important enterprises, for even the water works upon which the future of the city must hang, it is so hard to obtain any investments that the promoters are beginning to look to New York and to London. And yet in spite of this prevailing sentiment in favor of mining affairs the majority of well-informed men do not hesitate to tell the stranger that the whole business is a rascally one, and that the only way to get any real vestments in a bona fide way, are skinned in the most deliberate fashion.

Without naming any mines, or any individuals, let me record what I have learned on this subject with regard to mines that are actually producing silver, for out of the entire stock of silver actually being mined in this category, I am told that these valuable mines are invariably controlled by two or three individuals who operate them in this way. They purchase the reduction mills in which the ore is converted into bullion, and as the transaction is made by themselves with the mill, they deliberately charge for reduction just double the legitimate price. Silver ore can be reduced for \$50 per ton, and they charge \$100. The unfortunate California miner will surely say, "Ah, of course you don't understand this, nor do we expect you to appreciate the value of silver." But we do sympathize for the country, no matter how foolish or vicious they may have become.

The mining element controlled affairs in those early days, and appears to control them now. Everything seems to be subordinated to the mining stock, and to the speculators in mining. Here they are not satisfied with one board, but must have three, although the population of San Francisco is only 27,000. There is the Pacific Board, the California Board, and the San Francisco Board, each of which has its stock exchange and is independent of the others. This is pretty much as if there should be in New York City an Atlantic